

THE SCROLL

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From the Founder



Rev. Denise Wilson

Greetings!

Welcome to the First issue of the Scroll, the Wilson Ministries Newsletter. It is our prayer that you will be blessed by all that is written, and will want to get on board with us!

One thing I have learned is that people will always have questions about you. They will ask things like "Who is she?" or "Why is she writing a newsletter?"

The answer is simple: Encouragement.

We live in a world where of "That's your problem" and "I got my own issues." Well, I am publishing this newsletter to show sisters (and brothers too) that we do need each other and you're not all alone.

My whole ministry is about Sisterhood and Outreach. When I was younger, I wish somebody had told me "Girl, you are wrong as two left shoes!" instead of just walking away. We need to confront our demons and let one another know that God is not going to stand for mess and He wants the best for you!!

When I was called into the ministry, I asked

God "Are you Serious? Do you know the nasty, stinky, rotten things I've done in my life? How in the world am I going to preach your Gospel? My testimony is whack!"

He took me to **1 John 5:11, which says "And this is testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his son."**

And through my experiences, I can call out the traps of the enemy so that someone else may not fall into them. I am reminded of the Samaritan Woman.

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When the World Says “No”, God Says “YES!”

Submitted by Lori Ayres

I have a 6 year old son that entered 1st grade this past fall. He had what we had been told was the best 1st grade teacher in the school. We were excited for him to be in her class. The first few weeks passed and back to school night arrived. After the teacher's presentation, I waited to speak with her. As I always do I introduced myself to her and advised that my husband and I would partner with her for this school year. At the end of our conversation I asked her how my son was doing. She advised me that he was “SLOW”. I immediately asked if she meant that he took a long time to complete his work. And she said no she meant “SLOW”. I ended this conversation at this point because I felt that nothing good would come out of it.

I wanted to be able to observe what was going on in the classroom, so I changed my work schedule so that I could enter the classroom with my son each day. Basically, I would note what was going to be taught for the day and then “teach” my son those concepts each evening. What I observed in the classroom was that no extra help was given. If you got it, you got it. And if you didn't, you didn't.

In addition to the academic situation, this teacher used a color based behavior modification chart. Green was outstanding and Red meant a trip to the princi-

pal's office. Blue, yellow and orange were in between. Each day the color was written in the agenda book so the parents would be aware of how your child did. My son, we were told, was also a behavior problem.

We began to diligently seek the Lord about what we should do. It was clear that he could not stay in this same place next year. So we set out to find a program that would be better suited for him for 2nd grade. Well, that was “our plan”, God had another plan.

We began gathering information for several schools and even had him take an entrance exam for one of the private schools in the area. We waited to hear whether or not he had been accepted.

One day a client came into my office. In our conversation we learned that our family units were similar. The Lord led me to share about what was going on with my son. Through my tears, I shared with her. It was like a release. She listened intently and offered encouragement. I felt better, but my situation was still the same.

That weekend we received the rejection letter from the private school. His test scores were not good enough for him to be accepted. I had reached my wits end. I prayed and cried, prayed and cried, prayed and cried. I began

to wonder if the teacher was correct in her assessment. I laid on my face before the Lord.

Monday morning came and as I entered my office, I was totally in a state of depression. To my surprise, the lady I had met the week before showed up at my office door. She held a small piece of paper in her hand. She told me that she has spoken with a friend of hers over the weekend about my son and her friend wanted me to give her a call immediately. She handed me the note and her friend was a principal of an all boys school in the county where we live. I immediately made the call.

We spoke for an hour and it was clear that the Lord was answering my prayers. She invited us to come to the school and look it over for next year. We took our son to that meeting. During that meeting I had another opportunity to purge. I told her the story through my tears. She also had a chance to talk to our son and to have him read to her. She provided us with the material for entrance to the school for the fall. At the end of the meeting, the principal asked us all to go into prayer about what the Lord would have us do. The last thing that she told me on that day was “your son is not slow”.

I felt so much better after leaving that meeting. I was so thankful that the Lord had answered our prayers. I felt I had the strength to make it through rest of the year.

About this time, we began to notice that each Sunday our son would go to the altar for altar call. It did not matter why the altar call was being given, off to the altar he would go. Thank God for our Pastor. Each Sunday she would pray for him without questioning why he was there. My husband and I never asked him why he was going because we did not want to discourage him. For the word of God says in Luke 18:16 – “But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer **little children** to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.”

Our son immediately began claiming that this was his new school. He started asking when he was going to start his new school. That Sunday he did not go to the altar for prayer.

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Metro Mass Choir Does Street Outreach

“We have an obligation to reach those who may not ever go into a church.”

The **Metro Mass Choir** is branching out of the four walls of the church and hitting the streets! On June 28, 2008, the Choir ministered to our brothers and sisters who may be unwilling or unable to attend church in a traditional setting at Franklin Park in Washington, DC. They sang songs and prayed.

Jesus gave a mandate for us to “go into all the nations of the world, to reach the lost. Well, the MMC is doing just that.

“We are more than a community choir — we have to reach those who may not ever go into a church”, explains Rev. Denise Wilson, founder of Wilson Ministries. “We are called to go outside of the church to reach people where they are, and if that means hitting the streets, then hitting the streets it is!” In addition to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Choir provided food as well.

Be sure to check out the website for the location and time of our next Street Outreach. We would love to have you there as well to “hit the streets!”



Encouragement Corner
A Cause, A Journey and the Lessons Learned

Submitted by Rev. Robyn McCoy

Every 30 seconds someone is diagnosed ... Every 90 seconds someone dies as a result of breast cancer...

The reason for the journey

These are the facts about Breast Cancer. Behind these statistics are real people, mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins, fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, friends, and loved ones. How do I know this? Seven of the most extraordinary and courageous women I know, four victorious in heaven and three in the fight of their lives, have this disease.

Here was an opportunity for 2 days and 39 miles to touch those who have been touched by breast cancer and to allow them to touch me... Walking 39 miles seemed impossible. Then I remembered, the women who touched my life. I remembered the League of Extraordinary Women: Eartha Mae, Wanda, Anna Marie, and Kim and what they meant to me; I celebrate Sandy, Melanie, and Ernestine. If they could fight, I could walk. God uses every opportunity to teach and grow us into the likeness of his Son. These are some the lessons He taught me on my journey:

Lesson 1: Prepare yourself

Walking 39 miles requires great preparation. Before you can even begin training walks you will need the right shoes. A trip to the

Running Store yields socks, two pairs of running shoes specially fitted for my feet and careful instructions on how to, of all things, lace (tie) my shoes. This seemed strange to me since I have been lacing my shoes for 50 years.

Proverbs 4:7 says *"...Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."* God reminded me, you have never done anything like this before so be quite, pay attention, listen, and learn. There are 34 plus ways to lace shoes. The purpose of the different lacing styles was to help keep my feet from slipping and causing blisters. Who knew? God did. He sent me to people who knew what to do so they could teach me how to do it too.

Lesson 2: Daily Practice Walk

Beginning in January and ending in May the goal was to walk at least 3-5 miles each day. On Saturdays (if it is above 32 degrees) the walks started at 7:30 am and we walk 8-10 miles, gradually building to 18-22 miles a day. Finally about March, back to back walks were introduced. A back to back walk is 18-22 miles on Saturday and 10-15 miles on Sunday. **Psalms 23:4** came alive, *"...yea through I walk, and walk, and walk, and walk, and walk... You are with me.* God's presence encouraged and comforted, and comforted and encouraged me during

those long days of training and I completely understand how David felt.

Lesson 3: We are One

Six dear sisters joined me in this journey. We trained individually for awhile, and then as the training continued we agreed to train together. We were an eclectic group. Some of us walked straight, some walked favoring the right, others favored the left, some of us had long strides, some shorter strides, some of us walked fast and some walked slow. *"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"*

Amos 3:3. God used the team captain to teach me a lesson. She described the function each of our walking styles and its benefit. The stride and pace of each walker served the entire team. A slower pace and shorter stride helped get us through the crowded sidewalks of Georgetown; the moderate pace and longer stride helped to push us up the steady incline on Embassy Row; the faster pace with a little bobbing and weaving, helped us to make up time going into the finish line. She went on to explain, "We are one body and we walk as one body." The Word says it this way *"The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If*

one part hurts (or falls), every other part is involved in the hurt (or fall), and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything." **I Corinthians 12:24-27** Got it Robyn, Yes Lord, "Now walk it out."

Lesson 4: In a real fight when you fall, get up

Training continued and finally it was the Big Day. Day one our training served us well. We completed 26 miles in 6 hours and 30 minutes. Day two began, the mood was upbeat and confident, and there was less than 14 miles to the finish line. The trail, while unfamiliar, began in a beautiful neighborhood. Coming up a hill laughing and looking behind me, I tripped and fell. My friends and others rushed to make sure I was alright (that's a whole other lesson). Truthfully I was more embarrassed than anything else. I heard two things in my head as I hit the ground. This was going to be two part lessons in one. The first was scripture, *"...forgetting those things that are behind and straining to what is ahead I press toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus."* **Philippians 3:13.** The first part: Look where you are going; keep your eyes fixed on the road ahead. The second thing I heard

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get up...’ The bible says *The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again* **Proverbs 24:16**. Getting up was hard, I’d scraped my knees and hands, but I could still walk. The second part of the lesson reminded me of the reasons I got involved in the walk in the first place, that humbled me. I thought about Sandy, Melanie, and Ernestine. Every day they get up and fight this dis-

ease, despite the side effects of chemo, losing their hair, the fatigue in their bodies, and all manner of testing and prodding. I saw their faces, remembered their courage, felt their strength, and finished the walk.

I give Glory to God for the lessons He taught me on the journey and I thank Him for the lives and legacy of each of the members of the

League of Extraordinary Women.

Rev. Robyn McCoy is an anointed teacher, wife and mother. She is married to Steve and has two sons. He is an associate minister at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Herndon, VA and was a clinician at the 2008 Women’s Empowerment Conference.

When the World Says “No” God Says YES!
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On Monday morning when I entered my office I received a phone call from the principal. She told me that she felt my pain in our meeting and she had laid before God to ask Him what she should do for us. She advised me that my son did not have to wait until next year to enter her program. She would allow him to enter the school for the 4th quarter.

That evening I asked my 6 year son if he would mind sharing with me what he had been praying for over the last few months at the altar. He looked me straight in the eye and told me that he had been “praying for a new school

and to get off of those colors”. I then asked him why he did not go the altar last Sunday and he said he did not need to go because “God had answered his prayer”. 1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, **little children**, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”.

He entered that new school for the 4th quarter of his first grade year. At the end of the year awards ceremony I cried as my son received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Language Arts/Reading.

Be encouraged!. Whatever your situation - God is faithful. Stand on the word: “**NO WEAPON** that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD”.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!!

Author Lori Ayers is a member of Judah Praise Christian Church, Fairfax, VA. She is the wife of Ronald Ayers and the mother of two. She attended the 2008 Women’s Empowerment Conference and the Session, “Help, the Enemy is After My Child”..

Meet The Staff

Guy S. Johnson—Director of Operations

Guy, who is originally from Augusta, Georgia, is a graduate of Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Guy served as an Executive Assistant for Operations with Classic Residence by Hyatt, the senior living division of the Hyatt Hotel Corporation, where he was responsible for the administrative and budgets of 6 senior living residences nationwide. He also has more than 20 years experience working with ministries and not-for-profit organizations as an administrative volunteer.

He is a Financial Counseling Coordinator for Virginia Cooperative Extension, Loudoun County Office. He is also a member of the Metro Mass Choir.

Nykea Strother—Director of Marketing

Nykea is a native of Northern Virginia. She received her Bachelor's of Arts from George Mason University and she holds a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from University of Phoenix. She currently serves as the Branch Manager of Hobart West Solutions in Tyson's Corner, VA.

Nykea's expertise is in business development, recruiting and management. She has been a member of various choirs within the Northern Virginia/Metropolitan area including most recently, the Metro Mass Choir.

Nykea has one son, Khalil and loves spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and has further committed her acquired corporate skills and knowledge to the advancement of Wilson Ministries' overall evangelistic outreach mission.

Stephanie T. Higgs, Director of Information

Stephanie was born in Savannah, GA. At an early age, Stephanie was exposed to the greatness of GOD by her grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Scott. Due to her Father's role in the United States Army, Stephanie was blessed to live and travel to different places in the United States. Her travels have taken her to Kansas, California, and Hawaii. Ultimately, Stephanie and her family ended up in the Washington DC Metro area in August 1995. After graduating high school in 1997, Stephanie's parents moved to Seoul Korea. She stayed behind to attend Northern Virginia Community college to pursue a degree in Business Management.

Stephanie lives in Manassas, VA and is a Human Resources Specialist for Accenture Consulting. She is a full time student at Kaplan University pursuing a degree in Journalism. An avid football fan, who adores her Dallas Cowboys, Stephanie hopes to one day enter the world of Sports Entertainment. She still plays the violin in hopes to one day fulfill one of her dreams to perform at the Kennedy Center. Ms. Higgs is a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and Director of Information for Wilson Ministries. Stephanie has three brothers and three sisters and is single with no children.

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She had lived a "not so Holy life" but in the end, she followed Jesus, and carried the word back to the people.

So here I am ladies. Completely transparent and letting you know that God is faithful to us even when we are not faithful to him and he loves you and me.

You will hear words of encouragement, upcoming events, testimonies, and action items! Yes, Action items. Get off your butt, and get into kingdom building.

Women's Empowerment Conference 2008

Submitted by Stephanie Higgs

Jesus tells his followers to serve the area around them, the area wider than them, and to the ends of the Earth.

On May 16-17, 2008, Wilson Ministries, lead by Rev. Denise Wilson, fronted an empowering movement of praise and worship at the Washington Dulles Hilton hotel, Herndon, VA. This conference was held for the benefit of women across the United States to aid them on their path of righteousness. Rev. Wilson stated that her mission was to empower women to go beyond their fears and to leap into the purpose God has set for them. As an attendee of the conference, I have to state, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

On day one, visitors were greeted with love by the staff of WM. As each guest arrived, they were given name tags with their home city and state, as well as handbags complete with an itinerary of events, notepads/pens, and even tissue for emotions. After guests were greeted, they had the opportunity to browse products from various vendors and also fellowship with other attendees. At the appointed time, conference goers entered the place of worship to hear a powerful and anointed message from Minister Yolanda Burroughs. Not only did she whisper the love of GOD into the hearts of the attending Saints, but her message was so influential and significant, that everyone was on their feet shouting praise and glory to our

Father in heaven. Minister Burroughs had a colorful way of delivering the message from her heart. Whether it was throwing cards into the audience or revealing her innermost thoughts and personal struggles, the message was clear; we are all here to serve and worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There wasn't an untouched soul present. After Minister Burroughs's commanding message, Reverend Wilson opened the floor for those who desired prayer. It was that kind of personal attention that aided rookie Christians or those unbelievers who came for a life changing event to feel at ease and fully open their hearts to receive the love of God and the good news the Gospel brings.

The second day was as equally uplifting. At 8 AM, guests were given the opportunity to go to Intercessory Prayer. Ms. Nykea Strother has been quoted as saying "Intercessory Prayer prepared our hearts and mind to be set on the Lord so that we could obtain what God intended us to learn in the workshops and to also release us from any stronghold we may have had in our life at that time." Ms. Cathy Green shared a similar observation as she went on record to state that "Through the unity of women of God, I learned something about me that will help me grow closer to the Lord. I also received a closer connection to God." Each visitor was blessed to attend two

workshops of their choice, which was lead by experienced Clinicians from across the States. Each workshop offered an hour and a half of encouraging lessons for our specified needs. Once the workshops closed, we all convened for lunch. This time provided all members a chance to sit with other guests and share our experiences. There were laughs, tears, and shouts of joy as we all entered our final service.

As Reverend Wilson approached the pulpit to deliver a message that would shake our souls, we were saddened because we new our spirit filled weekend had come to an end. It was truly amazing to witness an event so uplifting and life changing. Precittia Ball stated that "This week was the best weekend I had in a long time. I can not tell you what the conference did for me." I believe that everyone in attendance felt the power of God and the anointing He laid over the weekend of May 16th. It is through obedience, patience, and faithfulness that Reverend Wilson and Wilson Ministries were able to make this conference truly an empowering event for women. A memory that will last a lifetime was provided to everyone in attendance. We are all looking forward to what's in store next! All praises and glory goes to our Savior! See you all next year!!

Stephanie is the Director of Information for Wilson Ministries.

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Worshipping Beyond the Walls.

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The mission of Wilson Ministries, LLC is to evangelize those who don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, through its member's God given gifts and talents. The Metro Mass Choir, which she founded in 2006, is just one of the growing outreach evangelism ministries created to accomplish this mission. The ministry also engages in the facilitation, coordination, and leadership of seminars and conference workshops.

In addition to these ministry opportunities, she continually seeks to support her partner's initiatives to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and/or disassociated. Because of her strong commitment to the unity within the body of Christ, she seeks to assist and provide support for other outreach programs in a meaningful way; that the saving power of Jesus Christ will be spread throughout the world throughout the world.

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Upcoming Events

July 12, 2008

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Culpepper, VA
Rev. Wilson, Keynote Speaker
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August 23, 2008

Metro Mass Choir
"Praise In The Park"
Location: TBD

November 22, 2008

Wilson Ministries Presents:
"Seven Habits of a Highly Effective
Christian Woman"

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